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THE SCARE-MONGERS.

The scare-mongers whose chatter comes over the cable to America in far too large volume are not having an altogether pleasant time. They have had the League of Nations "busted" almost every other day by Premier Mussolini or some other ferocious person, and Europe on the brink of another desolating war. With a lively imagination it is possible for a press correspondent to conjure up enough terrors in half an hour to keep the world quaking for the day. The Corfu incident and the dispute over Fiume were seized upon as the torches that would set southern and central Europe ablaze. Mussolini was thrown upon the screen as the Colossus under whose huge legs all the other leaders in Europe were peep about, and find dishonorable graves. Today, however, we read that the Italians have agreed to evacuate Corfu, and are negotiating with Yugoslavia about Fiume, without turning Europe into a slaughter pen or chasing the Council of Ambassadors into the woods. This is a little hard on the scare-mongers, but comforting to the unimaginative person who wants to go on believing that in the end upholders of peace will have their way, and the would-be dictators prevailed on to listen to the voice of reason. It is never very difficult to conjure up terrors of one kind or another, but the situation in Europe, despite the jarring claims and ambitions, is by no means hopeless.

Vancouver Province—There will probably be over 100,000 bushels of Alberta wheat offered for export this year. Vancouver cannot handle it all, let alone the shipment from Western Saskatchewan. Yet if the elevators under construction are pushed rapidly to completion and thoroughly equipped for rapid handling, if ocean tonnage is so organized as to have ships ready to replace each other at the wharves, the quantity which may be shipped by this port between September and August will surprise the country. It may greatly exceed the 40,000,000 or 50,000,000 bushels now estimated. But the shipping organization must not be delayed, and construction must be pushed forward with the utmost speed.

A Canadian Press dispatch reports Hon. Arthur Meighen as having said in Winnipeg that the Hudson Bay Railway should be completed. He says the Government promised the railway and it should be built. Mr. Meighen may be reminded that the Government promised to nationalize the port of St. John; also, to build a breakwater; also, to build a railway station; also, to see that the port had adequate terminal facilities. There is a doubt about the value of the Hudson Bay Railway. The Conservative Montreal Gazette is against it. There is no doubt about the status St. John should have as a national port.

It is a pleasure to record an act of generosity, and more especially when that act means much to the success in life of an aspiring youth. The Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship was awarded to Charles R. Atherton of Sussex. His father promptly wrote that he was in a position to pay for his son's education, and expressed a desire that the Scholarship be given to a student less fortunate in that respect. The award has therefore gone to the son of a widow who works to earn a living, and to whose son it will mean a better start in life. All honor to the Athertons—father and son.

Halifax Echo.—"Halifax should and will, we believe, cordially reciprocate the sentiments of Mr. W. S. Fisher, of St. John, in urging the utmost co-operation between the two cities in promoting the development of Canadian trade through their ports. We may be rivals, but our interests are largely identical, and we should work hand in hand."

It must have been quite a shock to Chicago wheat traders to have it even suggested yesterday that if the latest Canadian wheat crop forecast is accurate the world outside could get along very well without any American wheat. Such a suggestion, however, is not comforting to Canadians, since it would imply low prices on the world's market.

The Scotchman will have his joke. After visiting the United States, and listening to the popular music of the day, Sir John Mitchell went to Toronto, and when interviewed by newspaper men on the political situation south of the border gravely remarked that there seemed to be a famine in bananas over there.

The cost of rebuilding Tokio and Yokohama is estimated at five billion dollars. That means a large market for building materials and for skilled labor. Canada should get some of this business.

OUR ECONOMIC LIFE.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy suggested to the Maritime Board of Trade a small Royal Commission to investigate the whole structure of the economic life of the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Arthur Boutillier made it clear that the conditions are not now satisfactory, when he said of the fishing industry of Nova Scotia: "The fishing folk are leaving the country. The opportunity for them in their native pursuit is at present limited. They see the hard, overworked and underpaid lives of their fathers. The United States calls them with its promises of fortune, and they go. This last year several thousand of the people needed most, if the fisheries are ever to attain to their proper place in the scheme of things, left Nova Scotia. In particular the small villages of Jeddore and Ship Harbor lost three hundred and fifty of their population during the past four months. This loss is irreparable and cannot be compensated for by immigration." The people must face such facts as these. Mr. Boutillier would remedy the fisheries situation by spending millions to develop the industry in the most modern and comprehensive way, and would have a College of Fisheries on a basis similar to that of the Agricultural College at Truro. Whatever the merits of the plan it is at least expressive of confidence and a spirit of enterprise; and these are greatly needed in face of the difficulties of the present situation. Such a commission as Mr. McCurdy suggests would be useful in bringing out the facts regarding all our industries, their needs and prospects. There is nothing like looking the facts in the face.

The following from the Ottawa Journal is commended to Exhibition Associations in New Brunswick:—"Between the Canadian National Exhibition and the press of Toronto there has been for many years close and effective co-operation. Men of vision and ability had placed at their disposal from year to year the emerging element of publicity to the utmost degree of generosity and it worked wonderfully, indeed miraculously. No investment ever made by the Canadian National Exhibition gave such returns on the investment as the splendid Press Building erected some years ago. Few institutions or business enterprises fall short of success when directed by men big enough to grasp the principles of publicity, who understand its service and power, and who can work in harmony with the men and women through whom it operates."

Toronto Star.—The Montreal Star blames filthy lanes for the "unavoidable reputation in the matter of infant mortality." Filthy lanes breed flies; and flies carry disease. Montreal, however, will probably find that its trouble lies deeper and that there must be an educational campaign to instruct mothers in the care of infants before the death rate will come down to normal. The old notion that a mother instinctively knows what is best for her child dies hard, but it is at least dying.

Toronto Globe.—"As Canada's estimates of wheat production go up those of the United States go down. The latest figures from Washington indicate that the U. S. wheat yield will be 788,000,000 bushels, not twice as much as Canada's although the population of Canada is only about a twelfth of that of the United States."

Sir Henry Thornton says that for the first half of 1922 the C. N. R. system as a whole was operating at a deficit of \$1,925,977.17, while for the first half of 1923 this deficit was turned into a surplus of \$1,512,231.73; or an increase in net earnings of \$4,438,228.90. He anticipates a continuance of this favorable comparison for the last half of the year.

The people of Lancaster will probably think twice before taking on the cost of a separate hydro distribution system. Only a clear financial gain would justify such a course, and they will want to have the proof of such gain before embarking upon the project.

Of 174,011,491 bushels of wheat exported from Canada to the United Kingdom in the year ending in August, 125,819,867 bushels went through American ports. If the Government at Ottawa can justify a continuance of this policy St. John and Halifax would like to be shown.

The abolition of the liquor export houses should in a reasonable time lessen to some extent the duties of Chief Hawthorne and his staff.

To turn sweet cider into hard cider kick the cider around the house, cussing freely.

OH, SUSANNA!

The original copy of this song by Stephen C. Foster in the Library of Congress, on which the copyright was entered, was as follows:— I came from Alabama With my banjo on my knee, Ise gwine to Louisiana My true lub for to see; It rained all night de day I left, De wedder it was dry, De sun so hot I froze to def, Susanna, don't you cry.

Oh, Susanna, Do not cry for me, I come from Alabama With my banjo on my knee. I jump'd aboard the telegraph, And trambled down de ribber, De lectrick fluid magnified, And killed five hundred Nigga. De bugline bust, and de horse ran off, I really thought I'd die, I shut my eyes to hold my bief, Susanna, don't you cry.

I had a dream de udder night, When e'bryting was still, I thought I saw Susanna dear, A-coming down de hill, De buckwheat cake was in her mouf, De tear was in her eye, Says I, Ise coming from de Souf, Susanna, don't you cry.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

"Mr. Jones, is your son a member of any secret fraternity?" "Well, he thinks he is, but he talks in his sleep."

Jones—Wife, can you tell me why I am like a hen? Mrs. Jones—No, dear; why is it? "Because I seldom find anything where I laid it yesterday."

"What kind of a dog is that you have there?" "Why—er—he's a German police dog."

"Well, he certainly doesn't look like one."

"Oh, he belongs to the secret service—he's disguised."

Wife—You brute, I married you to reform you into a man, and now you're reforming me into a woman."

Hubby—You've succeeded so far, I'll never marry again.

"John, dear," said the wife, "when I'm at Atlantic City, I'll dream of you every night."

"Why don't you stay home and dream of Atlantic City?"

Memory Was First Class.

Blinks, after inviting his friend Jinks to dinner, was telling him about the remarkable memory of his little son, Bobby. "And do you think he will remember me?" asked Jinks. "Remember you? Why, certainly he will."

An hour after they entered the house and after Jinks had greeted Mrs. Blinks he called Bobby over to him, and made him to you remember me, little man?"

"Course I do. You're the man that pa brought home last year, and made me so wild about it that she didn't speak to pa for a week."

Impressed Forever.

There are occasional doubts in the minds of the elders of the Moore family as to the quickness of Tommy's wit, but there has never been any doubt that a lesson learned by him, however slowly, is forever after remembered. "Won't you shake hands with me, Tommy?" asked one of his sister's admirers, but Tommy hung back. "I don't care to," he said, with terrible distinctness.

"Don't you like me?" asked the unwelcome visitor. "No, I don't," replied Tommy, and then there was a shocked chorus from the family. "Confound it," said his sister, reproachfully, as she withdrew him from the public gaze, "why do you say such rude things to Mr. Jones?"

"He means hard work," said the charge, "I got licked last week for not telling the truth and I shan't never take any risks again!"

THE PRICE OF SUCCESS.

(From the London Advertiser.) Archibald MacNellie, Glasgow, editor of the Scottish Farmer, was a speaker at the Toronto Exhibition luncheon. It was natural that he should refer to Canada, as a prospective home for Scottish immigrants, and it was fortunate that he said the right thing in the right way.

"What you need in Canada is more immigrants of the type who came in 1881—people with no illusions as to the future, but strong in the confidence of their ability to make good. I always tell them there is room in Canada for them and for generations of their children, but that Canada means hard work."

SONGS WITHOUT SENSE.

(Toronto Globe.) There has been a good deal of comment on the lack of sense in the song, "Yes, We Have No Bananas." But we need not be overwhelmed with gloom because of the popularity of verses which mean nothing. The song's the thing. If the air is "catchy" and easily sung it will achieve success no matter what the words may be. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" is a much finer poem than "John Brown's Body," but the latter holds the field because people will not take the trouble to memorize Julia Ward Howe's fine patriotic effusion, and also because the words cannot be comfortably fitted into a singing line. Laborious efforts have been made to change the lines, "Here we go gathering 'round in May, on a cold and frosty morning," into something that will be scientifically correct; but the children do not care whether it makes sense or not, and probably the author is equally indifferent to the confusion of the seasons. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men."

Peace of mind is often destroyed by a piece of mind.

Important Subjects On Child Welfare

Most Outstanding Canadian Workers at Conference in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 12.—The All-Canadian child welfare conference opened here yesterday and every division of child welfare will be discussed by some of Canada's most outstanding workers in the various fields. It found advisable the council will likely decide the best methods of encouraging the introduction of a thoroughly organized apprenticeship system within the various industries as one of the great causes of overcoming many of the evils of child labor. The feasibility of agricultural schools in the country with a formal apprenticeship of two years or so, at farm work, subsequent placement in the farm home and ultimate taking up of land by the boy himself will also form a topic at the conference. The child in employment, social and mental hygiene, and tuberculosis, child health, child immigration, defective child and dependent child, and services best suited to their care will be subjects discussed by workers known throughout North America, the outstanding visitor being Wilfrid Reynolds, of the Chicago Social Agencies.

SAYS THAT MINE IS FOR PROHIBITION

Baxter Pledges Continued Allegiance in Message to the W. C. T. U. August 14, Sept. 14.—Governor Baxter sent the following telegram to the National W. C. T. U. Convention at Columbus, O.: "On the fifteenth anniversary of the W. C. T. U. the State of Maine sends its greetings and pledges its continued allegiance to the great cause of worldwide prohibition. Every public official today who takes the oath of allegiance to the Federal and State Constitutions should set an example in total abstinence and law obedience, both in his public and private life, and no man or woman is worthy to hold public office unless willing to live up to this standard. Maine will continue true to prohibition and to the great principles for which Neal Dow stood."

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ARRANGING TOUR OF LLOYD GEORGE

Sir Alfred Cope Speaks of Visit of Former Premier of England

(Montreal Gazette.) "Lloyd George's visit to Canada will be rather in the way of an educational trip. It is twenty-five years since the ex-Premier visited the Dominion, and such great advances have been made in the years between that he desires to acquaint himself at first hand with the development of the country." The speaker was Sir Alfred Cope, who is now in Montreal to make arrangements for the coming of Lloyd George, and who last night, at the Mount Royal Hotel, explained the purposes of the coming visit.

"Lloyd George will cross from England to New York on the Mauretania," said Sir Alfred Cope, and will immediately press on to Montreal, reaching here on the evening of Saturday, October 6, and will proceed to the Mount Royal Hotel. On Sunday he will attend service at a Baptist Church and on Monday will deliver an address. Afterwards he will proceed to Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls, probably Hamilton, and will then go to Winnipeg. The remainder of the tour will be arranged afterwards and will include a visit to the United States.

"Invitations to address Canadian Clubs, Rotarians, Kiwanians and other organizations, not forgetting the Women's Canadian Club, have been so numerous that it will be necessary to invite some of these bodies to join their forces for the occasion. Mr. Lloyd George's speeches will be non-political. He will be accompanied by Dame Margaret Lloyd George and their daughter, Megan."

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Bustles.

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